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LESSON 17 - BIBLICAL FEMININITY AND WOMANHOOD

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26

I. Introduction

A. Review of Foundational Definitions

B. God is a Good Creator with Wise Designs

(Psalm 119:68, Genesis 1-2, 1 Timothy 2-3, 1 Corinthians 11, 14; 1 Peter 3)

II. Toward An Understanding of Biblical Womanhood

A. What Femininity and Womanhood Isn't

B. What is Biblical Femininity and Womanhood?

“The essence of biblical femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships.” (Piper and Grudem)

C. Where Does Femininity and Womanhood Come From?

1. Femininity Reflects God’s Nature.

(John 4:24; Heb. 12:7-10; Hosea 2:16-19, 13:8; Isa. 49:15, 66:9, 13; Dt. 32:11-12; Lk. 13:34, 15:8; Ps. 22:9-10)

2. Femininity is Reflected in the Gospel.

3. Womanhood is Revealed in His Scriptures

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III. How is Femininity Expressed?

- A. She walks by faith. (**Hebrews 11; Proverbs 31:25**)

- B. She has gentle beauty of the heart that exceeds external beauty. (**1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10**)

- C. She courageously influences others for God's purposes. (**Exodus 4; Acts 18:24-28; Titus 2:3-5**)

- D. She has an honoring disposition toward men.

- E. She embraces *her God-appointed role*. (**1 Corinthians 11:3**)
 - 1. She is a helper of men. (**Gen. 1:26-28, 2:18; Psalm 54:4; Heb. 13:6; Jn. 14:16, 26; 1 Pt. 3:7**)

 - 2. She is submissive to her husband if she is married. (**Eph. 5:22-24, 33; Gen. 3:16; John 6:38**)

 - 3. She is active in ministry to build up the church. (**1 Corinthians 11; Titus 2; 1 Timothy 2-3**)

IV. Nurturing care for others, especially in the home. (**Proverbs 31:10-31**)

V. Fears God. (**Proverbs 31:30**)